

REMARKS

The claims have been amended so that they do not depend from canceled claims. Support for new claims 51 and 55 is found in the disclosure of the specification; the identification of an organism as a microorganism is supported by the entire gist of the specification which concerns microorganisms and, in particular, bacteria.

Thus, claims 52-54 and 56-58 are found in claims 2 and 7 as originally pending. No new matter has been added and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants' petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 524182000400.

Respectfully submitted,

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